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SUBJ: VISIT OF ERITREAN PEOPLES LIBERATION FRONT MISSION

1. DELEGATION FROM ERITREAN PEOPLES LIBERATION FRONT (EPLF) LED BY
ITS ASSISTANT SEC GEN ASIAISNAFEWORK HAS BEEN VISITING ABU DHABI POST
TWO DAYS. PRESS QUOTES AFEWORK AS SAYING PURPOSE IS TO EXPLAIN POLITI
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CAL AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN ERITREA AND TO SEEK INCREASED
ARAB ECONOMIC AID.

2. AFTER INITIAL MEETING WITH MIDDLE LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY
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OFFICIAL AFEWORK TOLD PRESS DELEGATION EPLF HAD MET WITH "COM-
PLETE UNDERSTANDING" FROM UAEG. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING TWO AND ONE-HALF
HOUR MEETING AUGUST 23 WITH EPLF DELEGATION, FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI

ANNOUNCED THAT UAE HAS ADOPTED POSITION OF NEUTRALITY AMONG AND SUPPORT
FOR ALL ERITREAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SUWAIDI URGED THAT

ERITREANS MOVE TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND UNITE. AFEWORK TOLD PRESS HE HAD EXPLAINED TO UAEG THAT UNIFICATION OF ERITREAN FACTIONS CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY DEMOCRATIC MEANS AND ONLY AFTER REASONS FOR THEIR DIFFERENCES HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED.

3. PRESS ALSO QUOTES AFEWORK AS SAYING THAT NINETY PERCENT OF ERITREAN SOIL NOW IN HANDS OF ERITREAN REBELS WHO HOLD 5000 ETHIOPIAN POWS. ACKNOWLEDGED THAT USSR AND CUBA SUPPORT ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES WITH ARMS IN ADDITION TO SOLDIERS (PRESUMABLY AFEWORK HERE MEANT MILITARY ADVISERS) BUT THAT EPLF HAD NOT YET FOUND ANY MILITARY INTERVENTION COMING FROM EITHER COMMUNIST STATE. HE ADDED THAT "REVOLUTION DOES NOT RULE OUT INTERVENTION FROM CUBA AFTER RECENT STATEMENT BY COMRADE CASTRO."

4. COMMENT: READING BETWEEN LINES OF SCANTY PRESS REPORTAGE, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT EPLF SOUGHT, BUT FAILED TO OBTAIN, ANY SIGNIFICANT UAE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT IN ABSENCE OF MOVEMENT BY IT TOWARD UNIFICATION WITH OTHER ERITREAN GROUPS.
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